



# Head, Heart & Hands

Nova Scotia Child Care Association's Membership Newsletter

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## **NSCCA celebrates its first anniversary**

### **Annual General Meeting**

After one year of operation, the Nova Scotia Child Care Association (NSCCA) has accomplished much to advance a knowledgeable, accountable and responsible child care profession in Nova Scotia. Members gathered at the Annual General Meeting to hear about the association's activities and to celebrate our first Anniversary.

The President reported that our visibility is increasing as is our membership. During summer 2003, Child Care Connections sponsored Morgan Hicks, a Public Relations graduate, to develop a promotions/ communications plan and manual that is used by the Board and advocacy committee in communicating our key messages to the public and our members. She also developed a web site for the association.

Financially we ended the year in a surplus position. NSCCA inherited the assets of CCPADS when it dissolved and this has helped with the purchase of pins, standards of practice and mail outs.

### **Committee Reports:**

The *Advocacy and Communications Committee* reported that its main focus is increasing membership by having the display at the various child care functions over the year; do presentations about the association around the province to organizations and programs; organize a student representative from ECE programs at colleges; and public education. The committee worked with other associations in lobbying the government regarding the continuance of the stabilization grant. The committee anticipates a meeting in the near future. It is also exploring options for sustained funding for the association.

The *Ethics Committee* reviewed the code of ethics and compared it to the code of ethics for the Canadian Child Care Federation. The two are similar in intent and values. NSCCA steps in ethical decision making

Make it easy to apply. No changes were recommended. Six members are taking the National Ethics Training Program on Best Choices in order to become ethics mentors. With this in depth ethics training, they will then take mentoring training and become ethics mentors.

The *Standards Committee* instigated professional development seminars using the CCCF's Partners In Quality series. There are five workshops that will be offered each year. The *PLAR sub committee* of the standards committee are in the process of finishing the workbook for candidates and hopefully will be able to get the process moving early Fall.



### **Is your Membership Up for Renewal?**

Membership in NSCCA runs from April of one year to the following March. Please renew!

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## Call for Nominations-Board of Directors of NSCCA

There are five vacant positions on the NSCCA Board of Directors. NSCCA Board Members have the responsibility to govern and manage the organization and work toward professional recognition of its members. Board members also serve on standing committees. NSCCA has three standing committees related to its objectives-

- Ethics Committee- To educate and facilitate the ethical practice of its members
- Standards Committee- To educate and facilitate the use of standards of practice in its members (PLAR committee is a sub committee of this committee)
- Advocacy and Communications Committee- To advocate and support its members in their provision of quality child care

Board members must be a NSCCA member in good standing and be nominated by a NSCCA member in good standing.

Currently, there are four NSCCA board members:

- Anne Culling
- Bronwien Richardson
- Elizabeth Hessian
- Heather Hansen Dunbar

If you are interested in becoming a NSCCA Board Member please complete the attached form and return to the NSCCA Nominations Committee, c/o 100-1200 Tower Road, Halifax, NS B3H 4K6 by **July 15, 2004**. Please include your resume and a short paragraph on why you wish to be a NSCCA Board member.

On July 15,2004 nominations will cease and if necessary, an election will take place.

**Return by  
July 15, 2004 to:**  
*NSCCA Nominations  
Committee, c/o 100-1200  
Tower Road, Halifax, NS  
B3H 4K6*

**Nominee Name**.....  
**Nominee Membership Number**.....  
**I agree to put my name forward as a NSCCA Board Member**  
**Signature of nominee**.....  
**Date:** .....  
**Nominator:**.....  
**Nominator membership number:** .....  
**I nominate** .....  
**(name of nominee) as a NSCCA Board Member.**  
**Signature of Nominator:** .....  
**Date:** .....

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